(b) if so, the progress made in this regard till date;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in taking a decision in the matter; and

(d) the authority examining this question of abolition or modification of lease-hold system and the time since when it is examining ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) A proposal is under examintion at a very high level as it requires careful consideration of all factors like financial implications and other repercussions. A decision is likely to be taken shortly.

Boycott of Scheduled Castes in Badi Sadri town in Rajasthan

1147. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Scheduled Castes in Badi Sadri town of Chittorgarh district in Rajasthan are being boycotted on the grounds of untouchability;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Central Government against this violation of the constitutional gurantee in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) According to the report received from the Government of Rajasthan, a campaign against untouchability was launched in town Badi Sadri by some persons belonging to Scheduled Castes community. It is reported that some of the hair dressers and tea stall owners refused to render their services to Scheduled Castes and have violated provisions of the protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955. The offenders have been brought to book. They have been challaned in courts after investigation.

(c) Government of India have issued guidelines to States/U.Ts. for taking steps to eradicate social and other disabilities suffered by the Scheduled Castes.

1148. [*Transferred to the 7th August*, 1986]

Memory Park in Delhi

1149. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Memory Park in Delhi;

(b) if so, the purpose thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Suicide by a NDRI Scientist

1150. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the contents of the suicide note of the National Dairy Research Institute scientist Shri Ry R. Patro, about the reasons for has committing suicide ;

(b) the number of scientists of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, IARI, and NDRI who have committed suicide so far ;

(c) whether the Supreme Court has observed with reference to one of such cases that these were not stray incidents but the outcome of persecution, torture and harassment emanating from the polluted environment in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and its affiliates; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to remedy the situation and what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The original Suicide Note is not in the possession of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. A photo copy of the alleged Suicide Note is reported to have been given by the family of the deceased to the Police 24 hours after his suicide. The case is under investigation by the Police.

(b) Three.

(c) and (d) The Supreme Court made these observations in the Judgement delivered on 16-12-1983 in the Writ Petition No. 587 of 1975. The judgement was in respect of a few individual cases concerning personnel matters.

All the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the said Writ Petition and in other matters clubbed with the aforesaid Writ Petition have been implemented by the Council.

Government Properties in Shimla

1151. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:
SHRI BHUBANESHWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the properties of the Government of India in Shimla which are in use of the Government of Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) whether the State Government have requested for the transfer of such properties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Details are given in the attached list. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 74.]

(b) Yes, Sir.

Telecom Facilities in the NCR

1152. SHRI RAOOF VALI-ULLAH :
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to levy a cess to raise funds to finance upgradation of telecom facilities in the National Capital Region (NCR) ;

(b) what is the estimated cost and the criteria for providing and upgrading telecom facilities in the NCR ; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. However, a suggestion for including the cost of development of telecomunication facilities in the sale price of developed plots is under examination by a group constituted by the Planning Committee of the NCR Planning Board .